

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT BIG REVIVAL

HUNDREDS TURNED AWAY LAST NIGHT.

Alexandrians See Largest Crowd of People Ever Present at a Religious Gathering in the Old Town—Meetings Chief Topic of Conversation About the City.

Four thousand people attended the revival meeting last night and it is estimated that at least 2,000 more were turned away because they could not find room in the big tent. That the meetings are the chief topic of conversation throughout the city is but stating an evident fact. As early as six o'clock yesterday evening people were to be seen wending their way toward the tabernacle on King street in order that they might be sure to secure a seat at the service which was to open at 7:45.

Since the revival began 220 persons have started in the better life, and interest in the meetings is growing daily. The evangelist chose as his topic for the evening "But he was a leper," and 20 persons responded to the invitation he gave at the close of the sermon.

The preacher referred to Lew Wallace's book, "Ben Hur," when Ben Hur, after long years away from his native land came back home and found his parents gone and his home closed; how he lay down to sleep on the front steps and his mother and sister, who had been condemned to a leper colony came by and saw their son and brother; how they longed to welcome him but dared not, because they were lepers, and how they had to steal away in the night and not awaken their loved one.

"They could not awaken him because they knew that leprosy was contagious and that he would catch the disease from them. Sin, like leprosy, is infectious, but the moral lepers are not separated from those who are not wise in the ways of the world. They are left to tempt him, to put bad examples before him and to lead him to destruction. I have not seen a man yet who liked the first drink of whisky, but he took it to keep up with the rest of the bunch and to be what he thought was a 'man'."

"Again, sin is like leprosy in the beginning. Leprosy begins with maybe a small sore on the hand or face, but it grows day by day until the whole body is a mass of sores. So it is with sin, it keeps growing until it is the master of your soul. But society takes no notice of the beginning of sin. It is not thought improper for the young girl to flirt with a man, but once she takes the false step she is forever barred from the homes of every respectable person."

The preacher told a story of how a show man bought a snake.

"When he first got the snake it was only about a foot long and the man could have easily crushed it in the palm of his hand," he said. "But he fed the snake and nourished it until it was a monster. The actor would go through an act every night, letting the snake coil itself about his body, until the eyes of the man and the beast met. And those of the latter wavered, for he knew the man was the master!"

"But one night there was a hitch in the program. The huge monster, while coiled about the body of the man, suddenly tightened his hold and held the struggling, helpless man in the grip of death. The man struggled, but all in vain, until he dropped a lifeless crushed mass on the floor."

"So it is with sin," said the preacher. "First it is only a small thing and can easily be crushed by the man. But if we let it run on and on until before we know it sin is the master and we are the slaves."

"A man can go out and drink wine and play cards all night long, and society endorses it as the proper thing. But let him go a step farther. Let people know that he is a drunkard, and what is the result? People shun him, they have nothing to do with him; he is branded for life and is thrown out from decent society. Because he is a leper!"

"With some it is a matter of pride that they will not submit themselves to God. Just as the rich man Naaman was too proud to do as the prophet told him and bathe himself seven times in the river Jordan, if he would

Number Decisions.	
Previously reported	39
Sunday afternoon	161
Sunday evening	20
Total	220

be cured, so we are too proud to humble ourselves to God.

"You may be a man of great political power. You may carry the voting populace of this country behind you. You may be a good father and husband. But I do not care how much power you have, if you turn down God you are a leper."

"There are some of these moral lepers here today, who are so predominated by sin that if they should die it would be an insult to ask a preacher to conduct a ritual over their bodies."

"I may make some of you mad, and I may start some of you to thinking. In either case I am glad for I have made progress. It is not the preacher's place to come before you and say pleasant things. It is the preacher's duty to tell the plain and unvarnished truth, and to do all in his power to make of each of you a follower of Christ."

Here the evangelist told the story of Melvin Carter, who took the shoes from the feet of his dead baby and pawned them for drink, but who afterward became converted and a preacher of the gospel, said he:

"I don't care how far you have gone, you can come back. Vile and full of sin as my life has been, I can preach a gospel that can change you before you leave this tent tonight!"

"Some of you Alexandrians may think that because you were born in Virginia you don't need to be born again. Some of you may think more of George Washington than Jesus Christ. You can talk about a long list of ancestors, but on Jesus Christ your tongues seem to be tied! But God won't take any stock in your story. You'll have to go the cross with the lowest hobo. Granted that you are a good husband, or a good wife, as the world judges, but in the eyes of God, because of sin you're a leper! God won't give you a clear bill of health when you ought to be down at the quarantine station flying the yellow flag! Naaman dropped his pride and went down in the old muddy Jordan and was made clean and you too, may be made clean if you will. Will you come? I've done the best I could to win you for Christ. No one knows what this service has cost me tonight. I plead with you to give your hearts to Jesus Christ."

EXPLOSIVE PLANT WRECKED.

Officers of Company Believe That All Men at Work in Building Were Killed by Blast.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 18.—Bits of bodies hanging to telegraph wires, pieces of flesh scattered through the ruins of the wrecked building, and six men missing are results of an explosion Saturday night at the plant of the Aetna Chemical Company, in Oakdale, a suburb. Officers of the company expressed the belief that all at work in the building had been killed.

The plant was said to have been engaged in the manufacture of a high explosive.

Auto Takes Boy's Life

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—Struck by an automobile late yesterday afternoon as he was crossing Penn street near Berkeley avenue, in Clifton Heights, Edward Carpenter, 12 years old, received injuries that resulted in his death last night in the Presbyterian Hospital.

Hard and soft shell crabs on sale at the Rammel Hotel Cafe.

Alexandria City News Condensed

Dr. Vivian P. Berry has returned to this city after spending a week with relatives in King George county.

Miss Katherine Newlon, has returned to her home in this city after visiting friends and relatives in Berryville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Franklin, of Washington, D. C., were the weekend guests of Mrs. Ashton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Ashton in King street.

The Alexandria Duckpin League will open the bowling season at the Richmond alleys tonight. The Richmond and the Southern Railway teams will contest for supremacy at that time.

As soon as one hundred names have been signed, a Gypsy Smith special will be run from Warrenton to this city by the Southern Railway during the evangelistic services. The train will leave Warrenton at 5:40 p. m. returning about 12 o'clock.

Chas. Jefferson Kay and Charles Laib, two members of the police force of Camden, N. J., arrived in Alexandria this morning on a motor-cycle vacation trip. Officer Gill of the local force showed them some of the historic spots of interest in the city during the day.

Rev. Gypsy Smith, jr., went to Charlottesville today and will return tomorrow.

The funeral of Clarence Mills occurred this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Wheatley's chapel on King street.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Thornton Ashton have returned from a two weeks' camping trip on the lower Potomac.

Henry B. Gorman, sales manager at the Paff Shoe manufactory, has gone to Haverill, Mass., for a ten days' vacation.

Robert E. Knight, jr., left this morning for the University of Virginia to complete his third year's studies in that institution.

Columbia Steam Fire Engine company will hold a meeting this evening to arrange to attend the Gypsy Smith meeting tomorrow night.

Mrs. Jacquelin Marshall has returned to this city from Markham, Va., where she spent the summer and is now visiting her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Washington in south Lee street.

Mrs. Catherine E. Wirt, and daughter, Miss Margaret L. Wirt, of Chattanooga, Tenn., formerly of this city, are visiting Mrs. M. R. O'Sullivan in south Pitt street.

Charles F. Diggs has sold to J. Louis Loose, a lot at the intersection of Fayette and Greene streets.

The ladies' auxiliary to the Old Dominion Boat Club will meet tonight at the boathouse at 7 o'clock, and all members are requested to be present.

W. K. Griffith, special agent for the R. F. and P. R. R., has been appointed night baggage agent at the union station in this city, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. B. Arnold.

Mrs. John Leadbeater, Miss Carol Leadbeater, Miss Eleanor Leadbeater, little Miss Mary Leadbeater, Master Joel Leadbeater and Master Edward Leadbeater have returned from Center Conway, N. H., where they spent the summer with Mrs. Leadbeater's mother, Mrs. Joel Morrill.

Some of the best known local and Washington talent is scheduled to participate in the musical which will be given Wednesday evening October 4 in the auditorium of the Elks, Home Music will be furnished by Schroeder's orchestra of Washington. Following the program there will be dancing. Already a large number of tickets have been disposed of and the indications are that a large audience will attend.

SECTIONAL CRY RAISED.

Republicans Appeal To Old Prejudices—"Down With South."

Washington, Sept. 18.—For the first time in a generation a serious sectional issue has been raised in a national campaign, and has been raised by the political party which was created and dedicated to the proposition that there are no political sections in this country.

Reproach is being heaped upon the Democratic party because the South has furnished the leadership by which the House and Senate are manned. That party is being condemned because it has not boldly turned its back upon Southern statesmen—not because these statesmen were unworthy of confidence, not because they were unpatriotic or intellectually unequipped for great national service, but simply because they were Southerners. In the absence of great issues, the Republican campaigners have seized upon the fact that many Congressional committees are headed by Southern Democrats and many Cabinet officials come from the same section, as reason why Woodrow Wilson should not be re-elected and a Democratic majority returned to the House and Senate.

At the outset, this sectional cry—this savage assault upon the South—came from unrecognized source. Nobody of real responsibility stood for it, and nobody of consequence paid any attention to it. The same shout had been raised before by itinerants in both parties, but their clamor had amounted to nothing. But the situation has now changed. "Down with South" is the slogan of the Republican party. Its spokesmen and its organs have joined in the hue and ancient prejudices and animosities are being invoked in an effort to save the Hughes candidacy from collapse.

Notes and Announcements

A prayer meeting for men only will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Southern Methodist Church, also one at the Baptist church in Del Ray.

The inquiry has been made: Why, after a nursery tent with nurses has been provided, will mothers persist in taking crying infants into the services at the big tent and disturb both preacher and audience? All normally constructed people love children dearly, but—well, reader you finish the sentence.

No services this evening at the tent. They will be held there every other evening, however.

MILLINERY OPENING.

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 20th and 21st, we will display a full line of fall and winter millinery.

Patrons Invited.

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MANY SEE SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE

THE THIRD ANNUAL EVENT A SUCCESS

Fathers, Mothers, Young Men and Women and Hundreds of Children March in Big Procession—Tent Packed Full of People to Listen to Address by Evangelist Smith.

Alexandria's streets were thronged with citizens who came out en masse yesterday afternoon to see the parade of Sunday Schools which took place at 3 o'clock. Led by a platoon of police and the American Indian Guard band, the line of march was taken over Fairfax street to King and up King to the big tented tabernacle where an address was delivered by Rev. Gypsy Smith. A total of 2,603 scholars were in the procession, the various schools being designated by different colors. Delegations were also present from Del Ray and the local branch of the Salvation army also participated.

The heavens seemed to smile upon the inspiring scene, the weather, being ideal and as the column of earnest men and women and the bright, winsome boys and girls passed along, the sight was most impressive. All in the procession seemed to feel the solemnity of the event, from the gray-headed fathers and mothers, young men and maidens, down to the youngest who marched in "God's army," as one by-stander remarked, and even the non-professor could not but feel that there is something deeper in the work of the Sunday school than what appears on the surface. The parade also furnished another pleasing illustration—that of demonstrating what can be accomplished through united effort.

The parade moved promptly at 3 o'clock from the corner of Prince and Fairfax streets, up King to the tent, where all were seated within 45 minutes from the time the procession started, Marshall Frank Slaymaker, and his aids proving their efficiency thereby.

Many of the classes sang their favorite hymns as they marched, which lent an additional charm, to the event, as well as the various colors which were worn to designate the several schools.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South led in point of number, having 589 in line while the First Baptist was second with 503. The others came in the following order:

Second Presbyterian Church, 258; St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, 190; Christ Church, 185; Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, 145; Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, 140; Second Baptist Church, 133; Del Ray Methodist Church, 125; Methodist Protestant Church, 121; Payne Street Presbyterian Mission, 92; Del Ray Baptist Church, 88, and the Salvation Army, 34.

Colors and Formation.

The colors worn by the various schools and organizations were: Methodist Protestant, Red; Second Baptist, White; Trinity, Blue; M. E. Church South, Purple; First Baptist, light green; Christ, light blue; Grace, red; Second Presbyterian, yellow; St. Paul's, orange; The Salvation Army, red; Del Ray Baptist, light green; Del Ray Methodist, purple; Indian Guard Band.

First Division—Police Platoon, Church, Virginia and U. S. flags, Chief Marshall and staff, State Officers, Sunday Schools, Del Ray Baptist, Del Ray Methodist, Salvation Army.

Second division: St. Paul's Episcopal, Second Presbyterian, Payne street Presbyterian, Grace Church Episcopal, Braddock Emanuel Chapel, Christ Church Episcopal, First Baptist, Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal South, Trinity Methodist Episcopal, Second Baptist.

Address to the Sunday Schools

"I shall not hold you long," said Evangelist Smith in opening his remarks to the members of the Sunday schools. He related the story of the long address made by the preacher who spoke to an audience of children upon another occasion when, after spinning it out to firstly, secondly, thirdly and then some, finally asked what more he should say, when a little fellow shouted "Say amen!"

Going quickly to his subject the evangelist compared the Christian life to a race and dwelt upon the necessity, first of preparation, second of obedience to certain rule, and cited

various illustrations among them being that of Tom Longbow, the famous Indian long distance runner who won against all competitors, made \$20,000 in one year and then broke the rules, failed to take proper care of himself and went down to defeat as a result.

The speaker urged the necessity for putting aside the bad habits which might hinder them in the Christian race. Said he: "It is God's wish that you become the finest men and best women possible. Give up the things that would spoil your body. I'd be foolish to do anything that would cause me to lose the good opinion of the people here in Alexandria as well as my position. I wish I could go back to the time I was 15 years old, because I marked my life with sin! Listen! Be sure your sins will find you out!"

"And keep your eyes to the front. Every flower turns toward the sun. So in the Christian life—keep your eyes on Christ. You've everything to gain by following Him and everything to lose by turning Him down. And you teachers, the most important work to do today is that of the Sunday school. If I couldn't preach I'd like to teach a Sunday school class. Only God knows the possibilities wrapped up in the lives of the boys and girls in this big audience here today. I covet your lives for Jesus Christ."

The invitation was given to make a start in the Christian life and 161 accepted.

RAISES RELIGIOUS ISSUE

Republican National Campaign Committee Prepares Film Showing Nuns Assaulted.

New York, Sept. 18.—The New York World in its issue today publishes an exposure of plans made by the Republican National Committee to appeal to religious prejudice by displaying throughout the country a moving picture showing nuns ravaged in Mexico, while President Wilson is pictured as asleep at his desk.

The pictures, according to the World's story, was pictured at Sheepshead Bay, New York, and Everett Colby, assistant to Chairman Wilcox, of the Republican National Committee, is quoted as saying the film, for which the committee is alleged to have contracted to pay \$35,000, is a "cooker."

The Hughes alliance, a subsidiary to the Republican National Committee having offices in the same building as the committee, at 511 Fifth avenue, has as its honorary chairman Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Miss Alice Carpenter is the chairman, and among the women connected with the organization are Mrs. William R. Wilcox, Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. Ellen Hooker, Mrs. E. Tiffany-Dyer and Mrs. James B. Reynolds. The "musicians' group" chairman is Mrs. Noble McConnell.

A final decree has been handed down in the Circuit Court in favor of James F. McCarter against Clara M. McCarter in a suit instituted by the complainant for divorce on the grounds of desertion.

The oyster season having opened, I am now prepared to furnish the best oysters in the city, at 25c a quart, a trial will convince you, J. L. DELLA, 325 Queen street, Cor. Royal Bell Phone 370.J. 218-3t.

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